a Special Officer may be deputed to inspect the lands included in the Reserve Lists to ascertain the income derived therefrom during the past 20 years, and that such of them as are not yielding any excise revenue to Government may be granted for cultivation.

Reply of Government.—It is under contemplation to revise the list of Date Reserves. Lands which are not really wanted will be thrown open to cultivation. Special cases may be brought at once to the notice of the local officers, so that they may make the lands available without delay, if there is no objection otherwise.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Lands for cardamom cultivation.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad taluk.

(1) *Summary of discussion.*—Large tracts of land are being given away by the Forest Department for cardamom cultivation. If similar arrangements are made by the Revenue Department, the poor raiyats would be much benefited.

(2) It is prayed that tracts in the Manjarabad taluk lying to the west of the ghats may be given out for cardamom cultivation.

(3) Except paddy and coffee no staple food grains are grown in the malnad. Poor people find it difficult to get other necessaries for want of funds. It is prayed that they may be granted small bits of suitable land near their villages in the areas within which cardamom cultivation is now prohibited.

(4) When waste coffee lands are disposed of by auction under Coffee Rules, *saguvali* chits are issued on the express condition that no other crop should be raised and a *mutchalika* is also taken to that effect. It is prayed that this restriction may be removed. There are certain lowlying lands included in these estates which are only fit for cardamom cultivation and the present restriction is therefore very prejudicial.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 74.

Removal of restriction *re* erection of buildings on *khate* lands.

Mr. Honnalige Gowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The restriction imposed on the raiyats in constructing buildings on their *khate* lands has been the cause of damage and loss of crops grown by the raiyats. This should be removed.

In seasons of plague special facilities should be given for constructing neat houses.

Reply of Government.—There is no objection even now to the construction of farm houses and temporary structures.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Change of assessment on lands during periods of water scarcity.

(1) Messrs. Chik Ramanna and Byre Gowda, Kolar taluk, Khadrepps,

Summary of discussion.—(1) (*a*) Under the present system, the raiyats have to pay the assessment whether they get any crops or not. In the latter case, the raiyats have to pay the assessment either by selling their cattle or contracting debts. It is prayed that orders may be